

Jackson: Settle regent, AAUP dispute

By Joseph Brennan

District 8 Board of Regents candidate Sharon Donnermeyer Jackson told a UNO audience Tuesday night she would "sit down and negotiate" with representatives of the American Association of University Professors if she were currently a member of the board.

Jackson told members of the UNO Parents Association that the regents forced UNO faculty to organize a union to fight for parity with UNL faculty. Additionally, she said, the regents have spent \$100,000 on legal fees in the dispute, which she called a waste of taxpayers' money.

Noting that "a university is no better than its faculty," Jackson also criticized the attitude of incumbent Regent James Moylan, whom she is trying to unseat. She said Moylan believes that a UNO professor teaching freshman English is less than equal to a UNL professor teaching the same curriculum.

Jackson also criticized Moylan for his support of new admission standards recently approved by the regents, because of "exception after exception" contained within the new policy. She cited as an example the provision that the university may still admit 5 percent of its students without regard to the new standards.

She also said the new admission standards will drive up administrative costs.

"I believe that a public university should be open to all," said Jackson.

The candidate spoke to an audience of approximately 25 people in a Student Center dining room.

Jackson also said she wished Moylan had attended the dinner because "we need to know which specific institution UNO should be compared with" — Big 8 schools, of which UNL is one, or other institutions which have comparable tuition to UNO.

Parents Association President James Monaghan



Sharon Donnermeyer Jackson

Gail Green

said Moylan was invited but could not attend.

In addition to supporting "adequate" faculty salaries, Jackson, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees at UNO, said the other key issues in her campaign are "accessible and affordable education for all" and increased classroom space at UNO.

With regard to the latter, Jackson said, an economically sensible solution to classroom shortages at

UNO is remodeling Allwine Hall at a cost of approximately \$1.5 million, and constructing new property "on existing land without taking up parking space." She said UNO should support a 1970 proposal for a new building directly south of the Eppley Administration Building. She said such a building could be constructed at a relatively cheap cost as long as it did not contain "exotic classroom space."

Jackson said "parking (at UNO) relates to the money available," and added that a high-rise parking garage should be constructed south of Arts and Sciences Hall when money is available.

For the time being, she said, students should take advantage of Ak-Sar-Ben parking.

Jackson also said she did not support westward expansion plans by the UNO administration because the relative stability of UNO enrollment forecast for the next decade. Enrollment at UNO will increase at UNO by only 3 percent next year, she said, and remain at approximately the same level into the early 1990s. She noted that a 1970 study predicting current UNO enrollment at 20,000 was erroneous.

"To spend money of that nature (for expansion) is a misuse of funds," said Jackson.

The candidate, who said she would be the first woman and UNO graduate to serve on the board if elected, also disagreed with Chancellor Del Weber's assessment of how many classrooms are needed at UNO. She said Weber has placed the figure at 120, while 109 is more accurate.

She said proposed construction of a \$15 million laboratory science building at UNO, which the administration supports, is too costly. She said the lab building would actually result in a net gain of only two new classrooms, since existing annexes on the east side of campus would be razed. Jackson also said the latter action would result in only 30 new parking spaces.

University Division offers academic counseling

By Bernie Williamson

Problems? University Division and Counseling can probably help, according to A. E. "Rusty" Crawford, coordinator of the service.

Located in the Eppley Administration Building, room 113, the University Division provides both personal and academic counseling services.

"We're meeting whatever the need is that a person brings to us," said Crawford of the counseling service. "Our clientele is the entire university."

The counseling center helps people who have problems dealing with anxiety, stress or personal crisis, he added.

Students tend to suffer from "a lot of situational anxiety," said Crawford, adding, "Students tend to be too negative about themselves."

Workshops

The counseling center, in cooperation with the learning resource center, offers a series of workshops designed to help students learn to deal with their problems, said Crawford.

The workshops focus on general study reading, and test-taking skills. "We also offer workshops in stress management, self-esteem and assertiveness," said Crawford.

He said the workshops were developed to help meet a common need that was being expressed by students in regular counseling sessions.

University Division also is involved in academic counseling for freshman students. "We're the initial academic home for students who are so undecided they can't even declare a degree," said Crawford.

It is not uncommon for students entering college to be unsure what specific field they want to pursue, but there are some who can't even decide on a general area of study, said Crawford. About 600 to 700 students per year fall into this category, he added.

For this group of students, University Division provides "heavy academic counseling in terms of planning and examining possible courses of study. In that sense, we're an academic college," said Crawford.

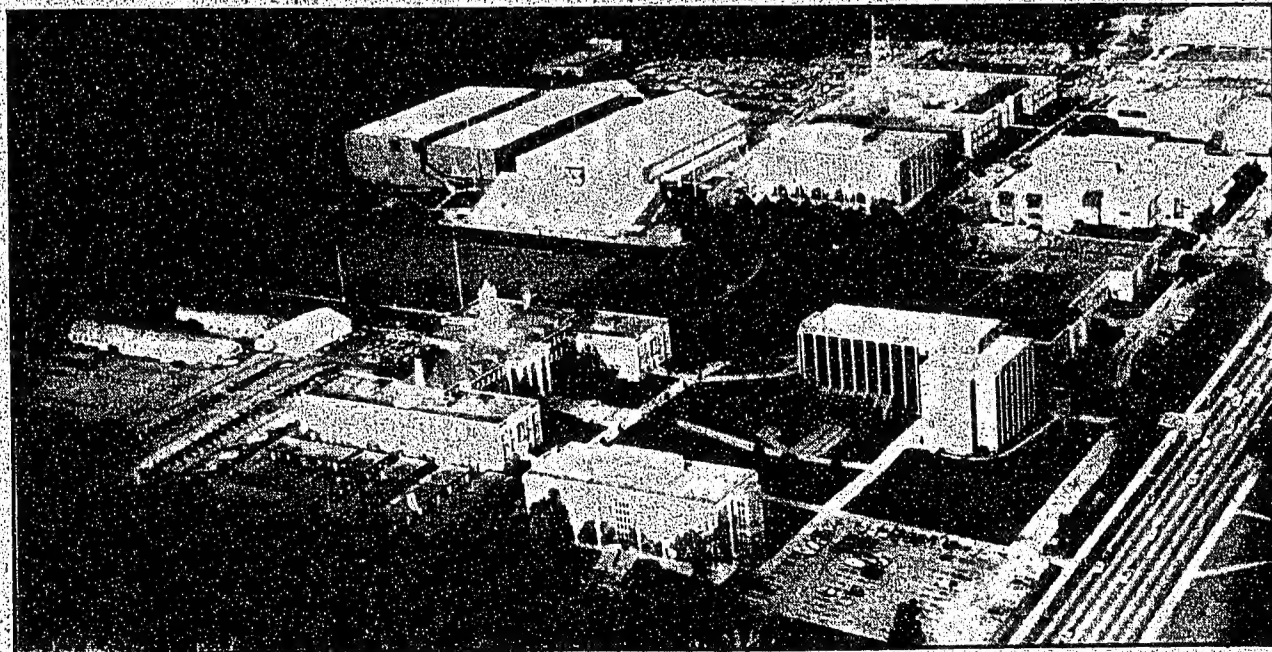
Students who enter UNO in the University Division are allowed to register through that department for the first 26 credit hours of their college career. After that they are expected to have selected a major and transferred to the appropriate college.

While enrolled in the University Division, students are allowed to choose courses from a variety of colleges. The only required course is a one-credit hour academic and career development course.

The course is designed to help students get started with their college careers, said Crawford. It is to some extent an on-going orientation to the university, she added.

Survival

The focus of the course is what Crawford termed "academic survival skills." Examples of the topics discussed are effective studying, how to get the most out of (continued on page 2)



Bernie Williamson

Traffic Report

Parking congestion at UNO is not yet evident from this angle, at 8 a.m. early Monday. However, the student lots seen in the upper right are filling fast. By 9 a.m. the best bet for a space is probably remote parking at Ak-Sar-Ben.

Students arrested

A UNO bookstore employee and two students were arrested last week and charged with misdemeanor fraud, according to bookstore manager Mike Schmidt.

Campus Security Director Dave Castilow said the bookstore employee allegedly was selling books to students at an unauthorized discount price. Castilow also said the employee had been observed the day before by an Omaha police officer, selling the books at the discounted price. Schmidt said he regularly hires off-duty uniformed police officers to act as guards during the hours the bookstore is open.

The suspected employee was a temporary worker, according to Schmidt. The two students and the former bookstore employee will be arraigned soon, according to Omaha police.

The offense is a "ticket writing offense," according to Castilow, and the value of the books involved in the incident was under \$50.

Proposed bills may reduce student aid

By Bernie Williamson

Two issues, now before Congress could create problems for students and financial aid administrators, according to Robert Pike, director of UNO financial aids.

The items of concern are the proposed balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and a proposed amendment to the defense authorization bill.

According to Pike, the balanced budget amendment could drastically reduce the amount of federal funds available for education programs.

The amendment to the defense authorization bill, proposed by Rep. Gerald Solomon (R-N.Y.), would require students to prove compliance with draft registration laws before receiving financial aid and could become an administrative nightmare, said Pike.

The balanced budget amendment would require Congress to balance appropriations and revenue. Congress would be prohibited from deficit spending unless three-fifths of both houses voted to suspend the amendment.

The amendment also limits Congress' ability to increase taxes. Under the amendment, taxes could increase by a rate no greater than the rate of increase in national income the preceding year.

The amendment was approved by the Senate Aug. 4 and will soon come up for discussion by the House of Representatives. The measure would require a two-thirds vote of approval in the House, presidential approval, and then ratification by at least 38 states.

Pike said that, according to his understanding of the amendment, "All necessary programs required by law would have to be funded." Discretionary programs, such as education, health care, agriculture research, mass transit, energy conservation, pollution control and unemployment compensation would be funded out of the remainder of the budget, he added.

According to long term projections, "once all the required programs are funded, there would be \$500 million left to take care of all those programs, and we're looking at a financial aids budget that right now is in excess of \$3 billion," said Pike. "You could imagine what kind of impact that would have on the total appropriation for student aid over the next three years."

Pike said he is also worried about the final outcome of an amendment to the defense authorization bill which would require financial aids administrators to verify students' compliance with draft registration laws before disbursing aid. "They tried to implement that

(legislation) before the (current) fall semester," said Pike.

The defense amendment has been approved by both houses of Congress and is now in a House-Senate conference committee, where differences in the two versions are being ironed out. Pike said it is quite likely that the amendment will be approved and go into effect by next July.

Pike said the amendment could create problems in his department's verification process. Students who register for the draft shortly before entering college could have their aid held up because "it takes a while to get their (draft registration) card," said Pike.

"These are some things down the road that could create quite a few problems," he added.

Counseling...

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textbooks, how to take effective lecture notes, how to be effective in studying for and taking tests, and how to use the library, said Crawford.

The course also places the students into a routine of regular contact with an advisor. The instructor of the academic and career development class is also assigned as the students' academic advisor, said Crawford.

For one reason or another, some students hesitate to make appointments with their advisor, said Crawford. The system at University Division is "a deliberate attempt to place that student into potential contact with their advisor two days per week."

"We also do a thing called 'early alert,' in which we monitor closely the academic progress of University Division students in selected freshman courses," said Crawford.

Through the early alert program, the counselor is notified if the student is exhibiting problems in attendance or performance. This results in what Crawford called "loving confrontation."

If the student is progressing well, said Crawford, "It gives me a chance, if I see that person, to say 'Hey, professors tell me it's really going well for you.' I can reinforce, support, and be positive to them."

"If they're not doing well, I can kick them in the tail," he said. "I can directly confront them with the fact that, 'I know that you're not going to class. What's the problem? Or, you seem to be struggling with that class. How can I help?'"

"We're not trying to be mean," continued Crawford. "We're just trying to express concern."

"Our job is to help students achieve their maximum potential," said Crawford. "The end result, hopefully, is a more effective individual."

Senate votes for evaluation plan

By Kevin McAndrews

The UNO Faculty Senate last Friday unanimously voted to authorize one of its committees to design a plan for evaluating UNO administrators.

"We're not going to uncover any Watergates," said Sen. John Hafer, assistant professor of marketing. "We just want to let the administrators know how they are perceived."

According to Faculty Senate President Michael Gillespie, a combination of the senate executive committee and the goals and directions committee will review the procedures to be used for the evaluation process.

The meeting was held at the Best Western Regency West Hotel, 1-680 and Pacific Streets, as part of the senate's annual retreat to assess accomplishments and set goals for the new academic year.

Hafer said part of the problem in evaluating administrators, who he said are "a long way up the ladder from me," is that people don't know what administrators do.

Suzanne Moshier, president of the UNO chapter of the American Association of University Professors, told senators that "using those who have the know-how (to

evaluate) is crucial because an inappropriate evaluation is frustrating." The AAUP represents the UNO faculty in bargaining talks with the NU Board of Regents.

Sen. Boyd Littrell said he was concerned that the evaluations would end up as "an opinion poll involving politics."

However, others said the evaluations could be a valuable tool in communicating with UNO administrators.

"This will provide an escape valve for frustration," said Sen. Robert Welk, chairperson of dramatic arts. "An evaluation system is informative and corrective and should be. We keep kicking it (the proposal) around and it must affect our morale," he added.

Sen. Nila Corkill cited the library as one place where an evaluation system has worked.

Gillespie said results of faculty evaluation of administrators will not be announced publicly. "The chancellor will not utilize the evaluation if the results are made public," said Gillespie.

Administrators should be praised in public and criticized in private, said Hafer. "We can't force the administrators to help us by making this a scalp hunting venture. That's the quickest way to kill cooperation," he said.

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Up and Coming will appear in each Friday's Gateway. Information for publication should be in the Gateway office by 1 p.m. the preceding Friday. Due to space limitations, priority will be given to timely announcements by student organizations.

Splash, splash

An Aquatics Club organizational meeting will be held Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. in HPER 102. For more information, call 554-2539.

Sic 'em!

The Criminal Justice Student Organization will hold a picnic on the lawn of Annex 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 1. The Army Reserve will hold an attack dog demonstration. All Criminal Justice students are welcome.

Third World rally

An anti-nuclear rally which will focus on the problems of the Third World will be held at Pontenelle Park, 45th and Ames Streets at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 29. Entertainment, speakers and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Jeff Patterson, 455-4614.

Art teachers' art

The Fall Art Faculty Exhibit will open Sept. 1 with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. for students and the public.

The exhibition, in UNO's Art Gallery, 183 So. Elmwood Road, will feature

works by Peter Hill, Sidney Buchanan, Thomas Majeski, Henry Sereno, Larry Bradshaw, Gary Day, Earl Lock and Dan Kreuz.

The exhibit will continue through Sept. 24. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Do it in the street

Septemberfest '82 is looking for street performers — clowns, mimes, jugglers, magicians, puppeteers, singers or musicians — to perform on Labor Day weekend. For more information, call Tania or Patty, 346-4800.

Horse opera

"Will Penny," the next film in Joslyn Art Museum's Western Film Series, will be shown Aug. 29 at the museum, 2200 Dodge St. Admission is \$3 for the public and \$2 for students and Joslyn members. The film starts at 2 p.m.

Electioneering

The Nebraska Educational Television Network will have several programs related to the upcoming elections.

Debates between gubernatorial candidates Charles Thone and Robert Kerrey will be aired, Sept. 9 at 1 and 7 p.m. and Oct. 15 at 8:30 p.m. The September debate, sponsored by the Nebraska State Fair Board and the League of Women Voters, will deal with agricultural issues. The October debate, sponsored by the Nebraska Associa-

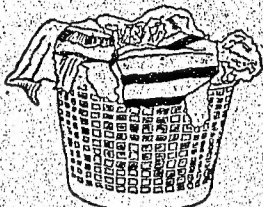
ted Press Association, will deal with general issues.

Senatorial candidates Edward Zorinsky, James Keck and Virginia Walsh will be interviewed on "Nebraska Journal" in live interview/viewer phone-in programs. Zorinsky will appear Sept. 2 at 8 p.m., Keck will be the guest Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. and Walsh will be

interviewed Sept. 30 at 8 p.m.

Labor of Love UNO's Studio Theater will present "Amoretto; or Love's Labours Performed" Aug. 28, and 29 at 8 p.m. The play looks at love through scenes from Shakespeare's "Henry V," "Antony and Cleopatra," "Richard III," and "The Taming of the Shrew."

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Comment

Financial aid — education lifeline

Student times are tough and getting tougher from the looks of things. Two bills now before Congress could have the effect of reducing the amount of federal funds available for education programs.

This country was built on the innovation and imagination of the American mind. The only way to cultivate that innovation and imagination is through education. If it's true that tomorrow's problems are to be solved by today's children, then it seems that education of the masses is one of the best ways to ensure that this challenge is met.

Yet, with the current administration's attitude, one gets the impression that education has become a dispensable, superfluous commodity in American society.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Any effort, implicit or explicit, to undermine the drive to educate America's youth is social suicide. Education brought us into space. Education gave us great statesmen like Marshall and Roosevelt.

Because of education, blacks achieved a voice through Martin Luther King, Jr.

Throughout history the best weapon to maintain an unpopular status quo has been the suppression or deprivation of education. Yet, in view of this, there are those who wish to keep Americans uneducated. Whether this is a conscious decision or the result of poorly thought out plans is a matter of debate. But one thing is clear: education is essential to the success of this country, and making that education as accessible as possible is of paramount concern to every citizen. Financial aid is one means to achieve this goal and we oppose any move to cut the life line of our nation's youth who are hungry for education.

Letters

Letters to the editor are welcome. They must be signed with the writer's real name, although a nom de plume can be used upon request. Preference is given to those who permit their names to be published. All letters critical of individuals must be signed by using first and last names or initials and last name. The Gateway reserves the right to edit all letters for space and clarity. Letters should be delivered to the Gateway office, Annex 17. Letters appearing do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Gateway.

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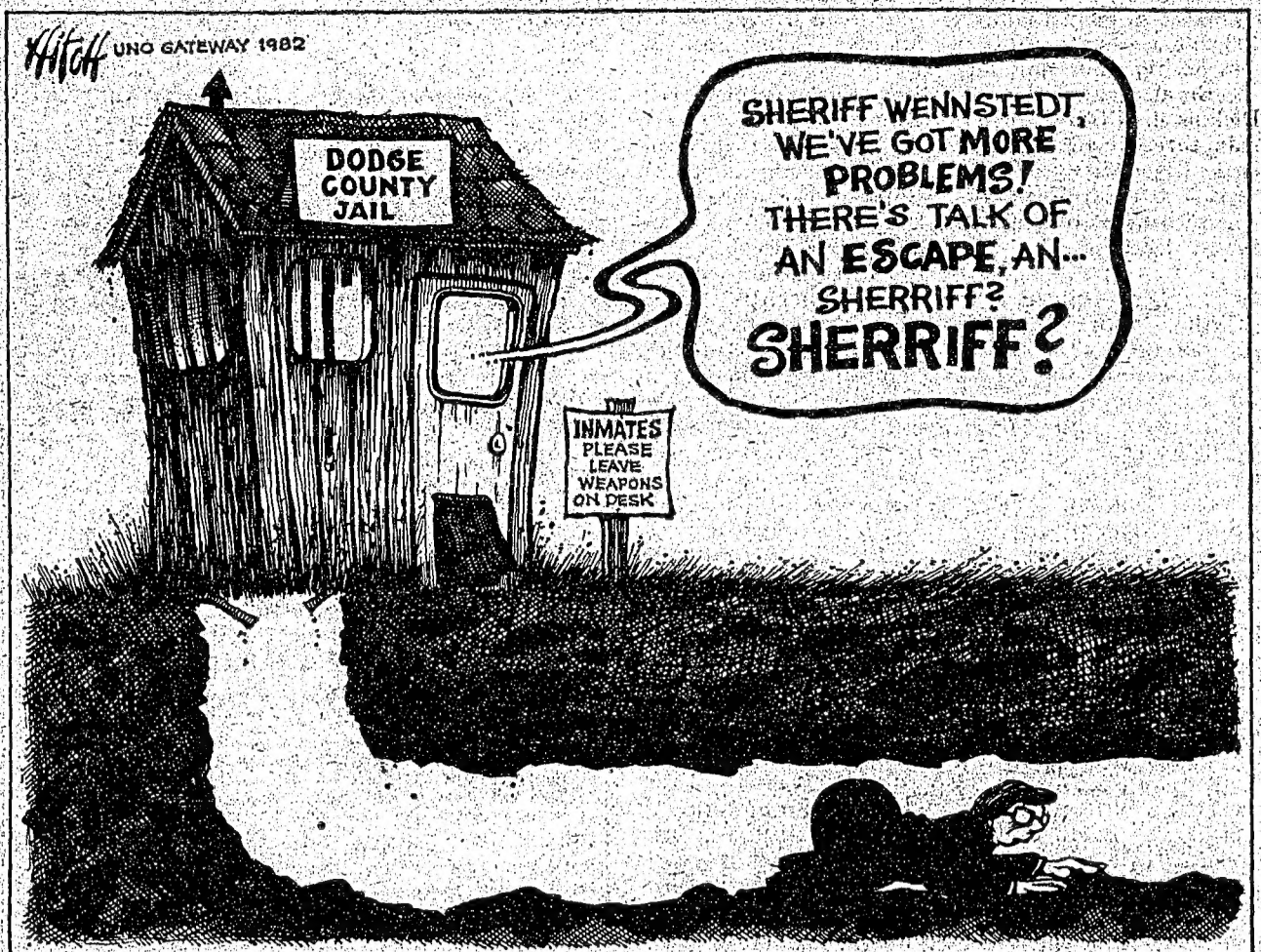
I am writing to express my dismay and disgust at the Gateway editorial cartoon on July 16. I think that your cartoon, in drawing a parallel between casualties in the Lebanon conflict and the Crucifixion is in grave error and very poor taste. Accurate reports indicate that Israel has been very careful, perhaps more so than any other country has been in a war time situation, to protect, warn and

aid Lebanese civilians.

For many years, the Friendship gate in northern Israel has been open to Lebanese who wished to come to Israel for medical attention.

Marilyn Pred

Editor's Note: The cartoon in question was drawn by Jeff Koterba. It depicted a figure with "innocent victims" emblazoned across the chest, crucified on a Star of David implanted on the soil of Lebanon.



Wrong courses may kill idealism

Editor's Note: Richard Meisler earned a doctorate in philosophy from Columbia University, taught philosophy at Antioch College in Ohio from 1963 to 1969, and held several administrative positions at the State University of New York at Buffalo from 1969 to 1977.

By Richard Meisler

For many years, as a college administrator and teacher, I worked closely with freshmen. I will never forget the excitement and enthusiasm they brought to the beginning of the academic year. They were full of high hopes and idealism concerning higher education. I also have vivid memories of the disappointment that some of them felt once the school year actually got underway.

When things don't work out, as sometimes happens in all aspects of life, it is important to determine why. If it is the fault of the individual, he or she can try to make personal changes. If it is the fault of the system in which the person is living, it may be time to think about reform.

In this column and the next, I'll formulate some questions that students, freshmen and others might ask about the courses they're taking.

Is the course clearly preparing you for the future? If the professor asks you to take the value of the course on faith, without persuasive arguments, watch out!

A teacher should at least be able to give you a glimpse of the utility of a subject. If the future value of a subject is a mystery, if you study it only because the teacher tells you to do so at the peril of a low grade,

you may be involved in some shoddy education.

Is the course intrinsically interesting? The utility of a course is important, but we also seek education for stimulation, to learn about interesting aspects of the world and of human endeavor. It is reasonable to expect courses to present materials that engage you, that make you want to learn them for themselves.

Is the course up to date? In the natural and social sciences, in applied mathematics and technology, and elsewhere, progress in recent decades has been rapid. Are you using recent textbooks? Have you been assigned recent articles in journals? Do you have the feeling that the professor is lecturing from notes that were used 15 years ago?

Is the course racist or sexist? The primary meaning of this question does not involve professors who tell you that women or minorities are inferior. More importantly, it is a question of the curriculum. If the courses in your college deal almost exclusively with the cultural achievements of white Europeans, you are getting a racially-biased education. To live well and realistically in this world, you should be learning about the history, culture, and problems of people with many skin colors and from many parts of the world.

Similarly, if your courses deal primarily with the achievements and lives of men, they are formulated with implicit sexist biases. Look over your reading lists. Are women scholars well-represented? Do the course materials deal with the lives of women as well as men?

These questions have dealt with the content of your education. But the methodology — the manner in which you are asked to learn — is also important. In my next column I'll pose a few more questions that deal with how education is being offered to you.

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Bikes, beer and Bryan team up for Septemberfest

A laser show, sports events, and William Jennings Bryan are among the events scheduled for Septemberfest '82, Sept. 2 through 6.

Bryan (actually English professor Ray Wheeler of Dickinson, N.D.) — lawyer, fundamentalist, congressman, three-time presidential candidate — will perform in the Civic Auditorium Assembly Hall at 3 and 8 p.m. Sept. 3, 4, and 5.

With Bible in hand, Wheeler's William Jennings Bryan will talk about such old and new topics as big business, unemployment and the common man.

Appearing with Wheeler will be Roger Welsh, who will sing pioneer songs, and poet William Kloefkorn.

Admission is \$1 for adults and free for children under 12.

Gotta run

Frank Shorter, 1972 winner of six Olympic gold medals, Anne Audain, and Jon Sinclair will conduct a running clinic Sept. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Central Park Mall.

The 10,000 meter run will start at 8 a.m. Sept. 4 at 16th and Capitol Streets, finishing at the Central Park Mall. Entry fee is \$8 until Aug. 28; \$10 until Sept. 1.

Batter up!

Septemberfest and the Omaha Softball Association will co-sponsor the Annual Women's National Industrial Slo-Pitch Championship Sept. 3 through 6.

The tournament, to be held at Seymour Smith Softball Complex, 69th and Harrison Streets, is expected to attract about 40 teams from all over the country.

Games will be played on Sept. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sept. 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Breaking away

Even if your bicycle riding has been limited to the driveway by your house, you can enter the Septemberfest Criterium Bicycle Race, Sept. 5 at 11 a.m.

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Sports

Ex-Mav's goal: make playoffs

Benedict: 'Braves still in race'

By Henry Cordes

It has been blamed on inexperience, a poor infield, pitching shortages — even the Sports Illustrated "cover jinx" — but Atlanta Braves catcher Bruce Benedict said it's impossible to place the blame for his team's August slump.

Cruising along 10 games in front of its nearest National League West division rival in late July, Atlanta's lead was gone 12 games later, when they lost 11 of 12 games. The Braves won only one of their next 10 games after that, falling four games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I don't think it was any one thing," said Benedict. "It was a breakdown in our whole game. Once things get rolling, it's hard to turn them back around."

"But streaks follow streaks. We had some good streaks before the bad one. We're due for a good one and the players know that," he said.



Benedict.

"Anytime you lose games like we did it's frustrating, but you have to have confidence in your ability. We knew we had it."

Benedict was right. As of Tuesday night, Atlanta had won six straight to move back into first place, percentage points ahead of the Dodgers.

Many of the Braves' losses came in the later innings, usually as the result of crucial errors.

"Anytime you lose games like we did it's frustrating," Benedict said. "But you have to have confidence in your ability. We knew we had it."

Benedict said his team has righted itself, and he expects the Braves to be in

the race in the end.

"We can't panic, because in years past we'd be 15 to 20 games out by now," he said. "Fans would have a tough time remembering the last time we were in that situation."

Benedict said the race between the Braves and the Dodgers will be close, and the team with the best relief pitching and bench over the last 40 games will take it.

He added that he doesn't think the Braves' lack of pennant race experience will leave them at a disadvantage.

"I think that's just a media cliché again; it's overplayed," he said. "I think a hungry team is every bit as good as a veteran team, if not better."

Benedict said the excitement of the pennant race has helped make up for what has been a disappointing season for him.

He has struggled most of the year at the plate, as his average has steadily plummeted from the .270s in early May to the low .200s.

Benedict also has been sharing his catching duties more and more, first with Biff Pocoroba, and now with Matt Sinatro, a light-hitting rookie.

"It's not a matter of doing something wrong," Benedict said of his slump. "I just was not getting any luck and it's hurt my confidence."

He said he's still hopeful he'll find his hitting stroke before the end of the season. "I hope so. I might get farmed out or teach golf at UNO if I don't."

Benedict played for the Mavs from 1974 to 1977, hitting .334 with 65 runs batted in during a 113-game career. He was drafted by the Braves in the fifth round in 1976 and played in the minor leagues until 1978. He joined the Braves near the end of the 1978 season, and was selected to play in the 1981 All-Star game.

Benedict's defense, which was his ticket to the major leagues, is still as good as ever. In a game against the Dodgers during the slump, he threw out two potential base stealers in one inning, and could have had a third had his shortstop not dropped the ball.

Even with Sinatro putting on pressure, Benedict, at age 27, said he expects to be Atlanta's catcher of the future. "I think the Braves have finally decided to stop rebuilding every year," he said. "They've got veterans here now and I think they're going to stick with them."

Benedict's goal for the rest of the season is to make the playoffs. "I've put all personal things behind me," he said.

Sport notes

400 season tickets left

Season ticket sales for 1982 UNO home football games continue toward an expected sellout, according to ticket manager Gayle Larsen.

According to Larsen, of the 3,960 season tickets available, there are about 400 remaining. Larsen said a season ticket push in April was responsible for the small amount of remaining tickets.

Season tickets are available through the UNO athletic department.

Larsen said season tickets may still be sold after the Sept. 6 deadline, but those interested will have to come to the athletic business department in the Fieldhouse to pick them up.

"Good seats are still available in the west stadium," Larsen said. "I think we have a superb schedule this year."

The price of season tickets for the six Mav home games is \$36.

Soccer club plays UNO alums

UNO's soccer club opens its fall season tomorrow with a match against the UNO alumni. The match begins at 7:30 p.m. at Al Caniglia Field.

General admission tickets are \$2. Non-UNO students ages six to 17 pay \$1, and children under 6 enter free. UNO faculty, staff and students are admitted free with UNO IDs.

Baseball practice!

The UNO baseball team begins fall drills at College World Series Park Monday.

The Mavs, 27-15 and a second place finisher in the NCC last season, have 18 lettermen returning.

Softball meeting

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Nine returning starters form defensive nucleus

By Eddie Vinovskis

One year ago UNO football fans were eagerly anticipating the unveiling of the wishbone offense. Visions of an Oklahoma-like, scorched-earth running attack abounded throughout Maverick country. But the dream died quickly.

The 24 points scored in the opening game against Northeast Missouri were the most Coach Sandy Buda's troops were to score on any opponent all season long.

For various reasons, including injuries, the triple option offense never got rolling. The result was a mere 15 touchdowns in 11 games, a marked contrast to the often explosive attacks in the first three years of Buda's tenure.

Despite the valiant efforts of an over-worked defense, the Mavs were unable to stave off a losing season. The resulting 5-6 record seems completely out of place in light of Buda's cumulative total of 23-9 prior to last season.

Hope springs eternal, especially among coaches, and Buda and his staff are eager to prove that the Year of the Wishbone will be remembered as the Year of the Fluke. They want to show that last season was an aberration from the Mavs' winning ways.

"What's past is past. We like to learn from our previous experiences but we won't dwell on them excessively," Buda said. "Conversely, if you're coming off a good year, the same principle applies. You've got to take it one year at a time, one game at a time."

To be successful, Buda said a team has to be strong in defense.

Buda is candid about his chase and destroy brigade: "If they can stay healthy, it'll be the best defense we've ever had."

Veterans return

Bulwarked by nine returning starters and plentiful depth, UNO should prove most inhospitable to opposing offenses. Statistically, the seven leading tacklers, and 12 of the top 15, return from 1981.

Last year the Mavs allowed a respectable 17.3 points per game. But that figure is misleading because half the 190 total points surrendered came in the final two games when the team was racked by injuries and faced offensive powerhouses in Northern Iowa and Division I Drake.

In the first nine games the Mavs gave up a single game high of 19 points, recorded two shutouts, and surrendered a paltry 10.5 points per outing.

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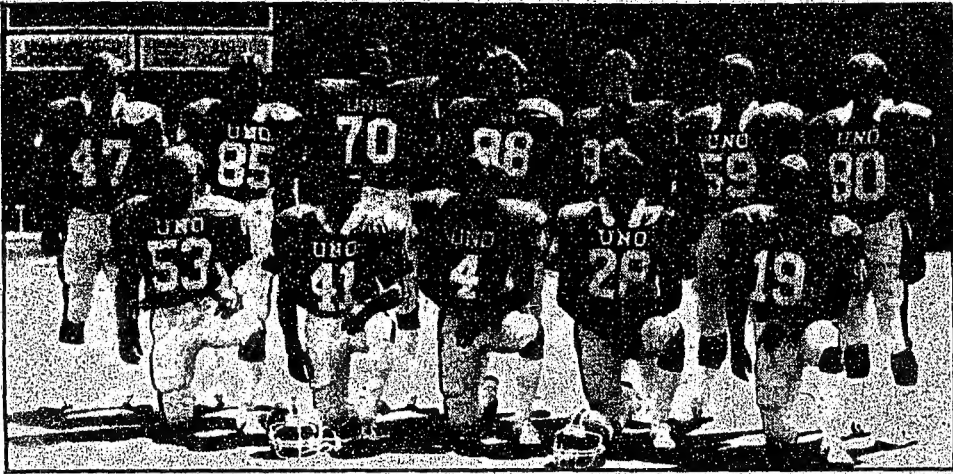
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Providing a solid anchor for the defense is John Walker, a 6-5, 257-pound senior left tackle, voted the defensive MVP in the league by the NCC coaches last year.

Walker's companions in the middle of the line, noseguard Dan Sweetwood and right tackle Jerry Skow, are fine players in their own right.

The linebacking corps is both experienced and deep at all four positions. Spearheaded by senior weakside linebacker Rick Poeschl, the leading tackler for the 1981 Mavs, this contingent will be doling out plenty of punishment to upcoming opponents.

Other veteran linebacking returnees are Tim Carlson, Phil Schack, Ron Soucie and Clark Toner.

The secondary, the crucial final line of defense, is also manned by veterans. The five lettermen back for more duty are Chuck Spencer, Tim Slobodnik, Dave Thoreson, Bob Rupp and Mark King.

Substitutions

Because of the depth throughout the defense, Buda said he expects to substitute liberally. "I like to give a player a breather if I feel confidence in his

backup. But I don't substitute just for the sake of making changes."

Although using a 5-2 front as its standard defensive alignment, the Mavs will employ various shifts as situations warrant.

But Buda disdains such gimmicks as the "nickel," the addition of a fifth defensive back in passing situations, a move popular in the pro ranks.

"We tried to make some extensive changes against Northern Iowa, a strong passing team, and we weren't very successful," Buda said. "And besides, the North Central Conference is basically a run-oriented league."

Jeff Pate was the punter last year, averaging 35.2 yards per kick, until he was injured against South Dakota. He's being challenged by junior college transfer Phil Montandon, who has fine hang time on his kicks and put on an impressive show in the spring game.

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